

## STILLWATER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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**August 7, 2020 – Columbus, Montana.** It is with deep sadness that we announce the first death of a Stillwater County resident from complications due to COVID-19.

The individual was in their 80's, with underlying health conditions.

“We extend our heartfelt sympathies and deepest condolences to the patient’s family, friends, and loved ones who are grieving the loss of this individual. Unfortunately, this death shows the true nature and dangers associated with this virus. One life lost is too many.” stated Dr. Cody White, Stillwater County Public Health Medical Director.

Stillwater County Public Health wants to remind our community about the importance of staying at home when sick, washing hands frequently, social distancing measures, and using masks when in public spaces. As community members, family, and friends, we must all work together to protect our most vulnerable individuals.

Out of respect for the family, no further details will be released.

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